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Requirement on China

Background

USAF, IR 715-54, AF 633241, 23 July 54, Nan-ching Municipal Government Compound, p. 3, info 1949-51, CIA D82109, C., C-3. Report states that "Most of the personnel in wireless offices in China were Communists of foreign nationality, as the Chinese were not trusted. This was in accordance with a secret agreement between the Russians and Chinese, which provided that people of nationalities other than Chinese be used in the wireless stations of China. Further details of this agreement were unknown. The Communications Section of the Nan-ching Municipal Office employed many Indonesians as officials and wireless operators. They were paid in U. S. dollars for their services. Source heard that some of them were paid as much as \$1,000 per month." S/COM neither possesses information which substantiates these statements nor disproves them. No information has been received of the recruiting of Indonesians by China.

Requirement

1. Has Communist China recruited foreign nationals for telegraph operators?
  - a. Are they recruiting foreign nationals of Communist ideology?
  - b. Are they recruiting foreign nationals for other types of work in telecommunications, i.e., management, training, design, installation, maintenance, etc?
  - c. Have the Chinese recruited Indonesians as telegraphic operators?
  - d. How many foreign nationals have been recruited?
2. What is this Chinese-Russian secret agreement mentioned in reference report?
3. Why don't the Chinese trust their people as telecommunication operators?
4. Why is salary payment made in U.S. \$? and if as much as \$1,000 per month is paid, why?

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